
TAB 5: PROJECT BENEFIT AND COMPATIBILITY

5.1 PROJECT COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Describe the significant benefits to the community, region or state. Identify any state benefits resulting from the project including the achievement of state transportation policies or other state goals.

There are significant benefits to the community, region, and indeed, the entire state as a result of this project. From a traffic standpoint, improved traffic flows benefit all facets of the transportation network, from the local streets, to the DTR, to the major interstate highways. The improved traffic flows enhance the movement of people and goods as stated in TAB 4, which in return provides economic benefits to the entire region and state through a more efficient traffic network.

As described in TAB 4, the DTR and Dulles Connector improvements are also beneficial to the operations of the Dulles International Airport (DIA). Any improvements to the local area traffic network that improves mobility along I-66, I-495 and the DTR and Connector will provide for ease of traffic flow into and out of the DIA. This may indirectly spur growth of the airport and as such improve the local economy through job creation.

Our proposal also provides the funding for the State's commitment towards the Dulles rail extension. In addition to the commuting and traffic congestion benefits realized by the rail extension, the funds that the State would have had to provide for the extension can now be made available to some other valuable initiative in the State's transportation plan.

5.2 PROJECT ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Describe significant benefits to the state's economic condition. Discuss whether this project is critical to attracting or maintaining competitive industries and businesses to the state or region.

The DTR improvements suggested will bring mobility and road safety along the Dulles Corridor. The construction will also bring new job opportunities and sources of income to the area. Some of the benefits to be drawn from a PPP between Cintra and VDOT are outlined below:

- Increased safety and mobility of commuters and local traffic to/from the corresponding jobs.

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- Improved goods and freight transportation (including the DIA),
 - More efficient overall transportation system.
 - New jobs created in the construction industry.
 - New source of income in the area that will be reflected in the creation of local job opportunities.

These benefits are enough reasons to attract local and external investment in the area resulting in further economic growth.